

## **MET SEMINAR**

### **ANNOUNCING: One-Day Intensive Seminar on Homeland Security**

State and local governments are at the forefront of our country's war on terrorism. As a result, the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office for Domestic Preparedness and the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) developed a one-day seminar to help strengthen U.S. capability to prevent, deter, and respond to domestic terrorists attacks. The seminar will further intergovernmental, interagency, and civil-military cooperation and communications in the Homeland Security arena. A Mobile Education Team (MET), comprised of nationally recognized experts in various areas related to Homeland Security, will conduct the seminar at a venue of each State's choosing.

### **WHAT IS IT?**

The MET seminar focuses on enhancing the capacity of top government officials to successfully address new Homeland Security challenges. For States, the targeted audience is the Governor and his/her Homeland Security team, which is expected to consist of the Governor's senior staff and the heads of each department and agency that has a role in Homeland Security. The MET program complements the diverse operational training and exercise programs that currently exist for lower level officials and staff.

The interactive roundtable MET seminar will concentrate on problems that Homeland Security poses for State-level strategic planning, policy development, and organizational design. Topics include:

- ★ Local, State, Federal Responsibilities and Coordination
- ★ Threat Management
- ★ Preparedness and Prevention
- ★ Critical Infrastructure Protection
- ★ Response and Recovery Operations
- ★ Media Management

### **HOW WILL STATE GOVERNMENTS "BENEFIT" FROM THE PROGRAM?**

- ★ **"Tailored" to Each State's Interests and Needs:** The MET will maximize the seminar's effectiveness by conducting a pre-seminar visit to confirm each State's specific challenges and issues. The feedback from this visit will form the basis for that State's MET seminar. This will not be a "one size fits all" approach.
- ★ **Assist States in Refining and Building their Existing Success in Preparedness Planning:** The MET team will not attempt to recommend how each State should resolve the challenges it confronts. Each State has its own unique set of Homeland Security issues and planning constraints and must ultimately determine how best to strengthen its own preparedness. The MET will assist States in refining their current successes in meeting this new challenge and furthering interagency and civil-military cooperation.
- ★ **Access to Follow-up Assistance Programs and Information Resources:** After each seminar is completed, State officials will have access to a diverse range of follow-up assistance programs and information resources, such as the Community of Practices (COP) forum—established by DOJ and NPS—to provide a life-long opportunity for alumni to work together on emerging problems and overcome shared challenges. Besides the MET, DOJ and NPS are also partnering to provide additional programs on Homeland Security including:
  - ∴ **Master's Degree Program** (brief in-residence seminars and web-based distributed learning)
  - ∴ **Certificate Program** (web-based, similar to the MA program, but without thesis requirement)
  - ∴ **Executive Education Program** (1-2 week seminar to assist senior officials to meet their their Homeland Security related responsibilities)

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